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THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25, 1915

If government is weak or inefficient or in some cases corrupt, it is because the business men have been so tremendously busy with their own affairs that they have not given the attention to public affairs that they ought to give.

Gov. Frank B. Willis.

Thanksgiving

We come now to another Thanksgiving Day, an institution established in the midst of discomforts, hardships and what we would now regard as discouragements, but which were then held to be deliverances from the sea, starvation and savages. These hardships laid the foundation for a sturdy race and for that alone, we ought to be thankful.

This year has not been a very prosperous one, the country over, as years have gone in the past, but there are many other things to be thankful for beside material prosperity. Prosperity itself is not an unmitigated blessing. It tends to make us forget, to weaken us mentally, morally and physically. Only the very strong can bear prosperity gracefully.

We are thankful that we have been spared the devastation of war which stalks through Europe, scattering, wide-spread, more woe than the world had ever known. We have been spared the plague and most of us have had our loved ones spared to us. Taking it all in all, we have never had greater reason to be thankful.

Thanksgiving is not a day for rejoicing like Christmas. It is a day of contemplation and satisfaction. It is a time for the gathering of strength of character and of preparation for another year. The harvests have been laid by and we have come to a time for meditation and planning.

Thankfulness is a frame of mind rather than a result of fortuitous events. Many of us may be thankful for a very little and many of us find our blessings burdensome and even galling. In many poverty-stricken homes this will be a day of satisfaction and even of happiness, while in many homes which are envied by the unknown, it will be a day of bitterness and gloom.

There is another thing that we would like to speak of. It is not to be construed as a complaint against Providence which we believe orders all things for our good. Our earthly sufferings at the worst are small by comparison, as most of us will realize in after years. But there are some things that do not seem to us quite fair. Preachers and friends cannot tell us so that we will understand it, that our sufferings are for our own good and that we have been treated fairly. The sufferer must feel within himself that his chastisement is for his own good. The words of outsiders are as empty as the words of Eliphaz and Elihu.

We have in mind the concrete case of a poor woman who came to Phoenix a few years ago that the life of her invalid daughter might be prolonged. She was without money but she labored by washing and hard housework to keep herself housed within a mean hovel and to provide simple comforts for the sick girl. The other day that woman had her right arm amputated. She was deprived of her last feeble line of defense.

And this is Thanksgiving morning. If that woman is thankful today she is blessed with something that few other people in the world enjoy, a something within that is proof against the severest stroke of adversity. If she is not utterly cast down and without hope she is buoyed up by a strength which can never fail her. Few of us have such support.

We present this unpleasant case as additional food for meditation today, which as we have said, is a day for meditation. We have also a hope that inquiry will be made into the condition of this woman that she may have more material reason to be thankful and that others may enjoy that satisfaction which comes of a worthy deed. It should be a sauce served with many a turkey this afternoon.

What is the Matter With Kansas?

A few years ago William Allen White brought fame to himself and the Sunflower state by answering that question. The answer is yet ringing down the corridors of time alongside Hubbard's "A Message to Garcia." But we have proof again that nothing is the matter with Kansas. Out of the turmoil of the Border Ruffian days, Kansas emerged into the period of patriotism and politics, and then the grasshopper and populist era set in. Kansas had a very strenuous time. Nothing thrived there except whiskers, until Mr. White's answer produced a psychological change. Rural poverty gave way to farm automobiles; farm mortgages were transformed into plecthonic bank balances. Instead of the importation of grain to feed a starving people the exports of grain from Kansas have been sufficient to govern the markets of the world. Kansas became one of the most prosperous states in the

union. But Kansas was not satisfied with mere prosperity. Not long ago Victor Murdock wrote in the Wichita Eagle:

"A Kansas boy, Frank Jackson, walked away with the championship of the world in horseshoe-pitching at Kansas City Saturday. He dropped the shoes around the stake with the unerring certainty of a hungry boy connecting with a piece of pumpkin pie. The game of horseshoes hasn't much social standing. It doesn't take as much capital to start as mumblety-peg. There is less luck in it than golf and more science than in billiards. It is a man's game with an ancient lineage and a tenacious democratic nature. Moreover Jackson's success at Kansas City indicates that in time Kansas will gather to herself the sporting trophies of the world. The best billiard-shot who ever hung over the side of a table was from Leavenworth; his name was Schaefer. The best pitcher in the baseball world, although he is tied up to bum team where his talents are held back, came from Humboldt—Walter Johnson. The biggest puncher in the world, to whom the whole Aryan race rests under lasting obligations, Jess Willard, came from this state. All we need is time in order to gather in the other cups, belts, and engraved souvenirs in the sporting world. We will attend to the aristocratic crowd that monkeys with golf and tennis just as soon as we can get around to it."

Shades of John Brown and Anthony! What would they and all the pioneers who "held the bridge," defied the slave oligarchy and started the fires under the crucible in which a nation "half slave and half free" was tested and from which it emerged an all free nation which is now the greatest, the strongest and the most tranquil of all the nations mapped on the charts of the world—think of Kansas as an aspirant for supremacy in golf and tennis?

Defense of a Poet

Mister Editor, Republican:

I am a sick man and the doctor has told me to dispel gloom, trouble and sorrow, and drink in great gulps of joy and happiness. I try to be an obedient patient but every time I read "Uncensored Nonsense" by Remlik, I suffer a relapse. Trying to make "move" rhyme with "love," and "some" with "home" gets on my nerves worse than the filing of a saw. With all due respect to Remlik, would suggest that he and some of the carrier boys exchange places for a spell. * * *

Please have this set in regular body type, top of column, next to pure reading matter.

Fraternally,

NUX VOMICA.

We never thought that any circumstance could arise that would provoke us to the defense of a poet. But circumstance is a strange thing and we are often forced thereby into devious ways. Some men have even been brought to the penitentiary by circumstances. In this case, as to the allegation against the poet, it is one and, perhaps, the only one that cannot be sustained, that has not a leg to stand on—a charge that there is an error in rhyme (rhyme, Nux Vomica improperly spells it, a lapse due doubtless to his weakened physical condition).

We would direct the attention of Nux Vomica to similar errors of rhyme by one Pope, who used to write what he thought was poetry, and another character of that time by the name of Dryden. Nux Vomica, if not now, in his convalescence will recall the following translation from the Greek:

"The youth who hopes 'til Olympic prize to gain,
All arts must try and every toil sustain;
Th' extremes of heat and cold must often PROVE
And shun the weakening joys of wine and LOVE"
It will be observed that the rhyme of the last two lines is open to the same objection that has been urged against the concoction of Mr. Remlik. This is called by some rhetoricians, "a defective rhyme," but it is quite allowable and has probably been used by every poet who has written in the English language. Indeed, poets seem sometimes to have sought defective rhymes to effect a pleasing break in the monotony of the verse.

Rhyme requires that the vowels of the last accented syllables of the words intended to rhyme shall be similar in sound, though not necessarily the same, and that subsequent sounds shall be not only similar but the same. Thus "fame" and "chain" rhyme while "fame" and "fame" do not.

Nux Vomica is charged no additional fee for all this information. The cost is fully covered in his subscription to The Republican. We will take occasion to warn all other poets and Mr. Remlik also, that they need not look to this column generally for defense when they offend the public.

Why Not Reciprocate?

"The Phoenix Republican publishes the temperatures at Phoenix at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. The same paper publishes the maximum temperature at Tucson. Of course the comparison is unfavorable to this city, but that is what the Phoenix boosters want," says the Tucson Citizen.

We do not know whether there are any Phoenix boosters so narrow and selfish as to desire any benefit for Phoenix at the expense of Tucson. The Republican certainly does not. The Republican has on many and every occasion, praised the people, the town and the climate of Tucson. As to the latter there is none better anywhere, whatever the thermometers may have to say about it. Further, if The Republican prints only figures showing the maximum temperature of Tucson it is because no others are available. At this season of the year the Citizen might kindly reciprocate by printing only the maximum figures of Phoenix.

Why be peevish, Brother Jaynes, about a matter that can be so fairly and easily adjusted?

Now that we have the "nucleus" of a Phoenix art collection, we hope we will not have to wait until next year for a mate for it.

It is kind of the San Francisco management to endorse "San Diego—1915." It would have served San Diego better if the endorsement had come a year earlier.

SERBIAN ARTILLERY DRAWN BY OXEN FLEEING BEFORE GERMANS



This is the first picture to reach this country showing the Serbians retreating before the superior forces of the Austro-Germans. Serbian artillery drawn by oxen is seen moving down the Morava valley. The Teuton invaders followed close behind.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

By C. E. Grassick

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Last Saturday work on the "A," which is to crown Sentinel peak, two miles west of Tucson, was officially started. Immediately after dinner a number of the boys met in the gymnasium and there awaited the autos which were to take them to the mountain. Lines were strung from the stakes and the picks and shovels came into evidence. Two retaining trenches were dug for each leg of the "A." These trenches are two feet wide and about two or two and one-half feet deep. The length of the "A" is 150 feet and when the cement is poured and the whole painted white, it will be visible for miles around. Quite a bit of work was accomplished in a short time by the fellows. Nearly all the digging is finished, ready for the cement. It is hoped that the "A" will be completed by Thanksgiving day, standing out clearly as an emblem of the energy and enthusiasm of the students.

Karl Ruppert of Phoenix, who was one of the representatives chosen by the University Y. M. C. A. to attend the annual convention at El Paso, has returned and reports a most successful and enthusiastic meeting. President von Kleinsmid, Benjamin McClure and others made up the party from the university. The convention was attended by many city, college and industrial Y. M. C. A. workers from Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas.

SOCIETY: The Gamma Delta society gave a delightful reception Saturday evening at the home of Miss Helen Campbell. The affair was given to introduce new members to the many friends of the sorority. The house was beautifully decorated with greenery and lovely yellow chrysanthemums. An orchestra played during the evening and added much to the pleasure of the many guests. Phoenix was represented by Miss Gladys Tredell.

Messrs. Stanford Brooks and Harold Goldberg, both of Phoenix, were last week confined for a few weeks with colds. However, with prompt attention from the university physician, they soon recovered.

CLUBS: The Aggie club met Tuesday night in the Women's league room. Carl Clark, Acting Dean Freeman and Mr. Pascall delivered addresses on farming subjects. A debate was then held. "Resolved, that forty acres of alfalfa in the Salt River valley will be more profitable if hogs are put on it, instead of cows." Donaldson Ryder of Phoenix, with the help of Ed Osley, argued for the swine, and Carl Clark and D. W. Rogers for the cattle. The pigs won. Plans for the Aggie club program for the coming months were discussed.

Last week the civil engineers met to hear a lecture by Mr. V. P. Odori, who is chief engineer for the Tucson Farms company. Mr. Odori told the society of some of the problems which had to be solved in order to install the irrigation system and talked especially about the flood in the Santa Cruz river last winter and the damage it did.

DEBATING SOCIETY: The university debating team will debate the University of Southern California some time in March, probably in Los Angeles. Last week the university received a letter from the U. S. C. which finally settled the matter of the debate. The subject for debate is to be selected by the Arizona team, and must be submitted to the U. S. C. by the first of the year. All the embryo debaters on the campus are practicing for a place on the team. The team will be selected before the Christmas holidays, and will be drilled by Professor Fegly, who is conducting the classes in public speaking. Already twenty have signified their intention of entering the preliminaries, and the places on the team will be fought for by the different members of the student body. The University of Arizona should turn out a team which will do it.

Uncensored Sense and Nonsense

(By REMLIK)

I wish some one would tell me, What the Dickens is the reason, That women wear such funny clothes In this chilly winter season. I wonder why their hose are thin, And I also wonder why, Their coats and furs are needed, When their skirts are cut so high. I suppose there is a reason, And I have no doubt it's right. To leave about two inches, Of those summer hose in sight. I know it must be stylish, And quite the thing to do, And personally I like it. And no doubt, you do, too. You sometimes feel like laughing, When you see them passing by. And other times you're helpless, And almost have to cry. Now guess the tripping maiden, And her we cannot blame, When here comes someone's grandma, And, by Gosh, she wears the same. Now, if this little story, You consider out of place, How about the shortened dresses With a sixty-six year face?

How that got by the censorship, I don't know.

Greece is having a hard time trying to keep out of the war—being blockaded—shipping cut off—half surrounded, and reckoned on as a camping ground by the allies.

John Redmond, of the "Irish Nationalist" party, says "Germany is beaten." Oh, maybe true, though Germany has no inkling of the fact at the present time.

Some people have something to be thankful for. Abe Ruef is paroled from the San Quentin penitentiary—that's something. He can be thankful for it, though it's hard on San Francisco people.

A letter published in this paper and signed, "Nux Vomica" is right about one thing—the cleverness of Sally Jacobs—though I don't see what he wants to hep onto my system for. Anyhow, that name he signs—translated, Nux—meaning Nix, or no—and Vomica—for vomit—No Vomit. No wonder he is sick. Taking an emetic, Nux, it might help some. There never was a famous poet or writer who could please everybody, and a man in your shape must be expected to have a bad taste in his mouth. Still, if you insist, I'll cut the rhyming out—don't want to antagonize anybody, you know.

And I trust abundant care and "love" Abides in your happy "home," And that you'll make some sort of "move" To bring your health back—"some."

FUND FOR DR. BRASHEAR * PITTSBURG, Nov. 24.—An endowment of \$50,000 to be placed at the disposal of Dr. John A. Brashear, the local well known scientist, during his lifetime, in recognition of his work and after his death to be used to perpetuate his scientific lectures, it was announced at a dinner tonight in honor of his 75th birthday. Judge Joseph Buffington of the United States Circuit Court, the toastmaster, said that \$22,000 of the fund had already been subscribed.

much credit and should give the coast university a good fight.

RALLY: With many novel and entertaining stunts secretly prepared, the students of the University of Arizona, and the speakers filled with inspiration, enthusiasm and spirit was running high at the great Pan-American rally last Saturday night. The men of all four classes, garbed in pajamas, assembled in front of the agriculture building at 7:30 o'clock, to start the festivities, and, preceded by Rufus Arizona, the university's wildest mascot, serpentine to the bleachers erected near the great woodpile. There, with spirit, the greatest rally of the college year was begun. This was all in anticipation of the Whittier game on Thanksgiving!

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CONGRESSMAN WITHERSPOON DEAD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] MERIDIAN, Miss., Nov. 24.—Representative S. A. Witherspoon of the Fifth Mississippi congressional district, died tonight at his home here.



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Superstition

There is a very strong superstition, especially among women, that the making of a will will soon be followed by death. Many a wife prevents her husband from making his will for this reason, to be later overwhelmed with the hardships of having to take up at once property questions and business responsibilities for which she is totally unfitted.

By will the husband can appoint an executor and direct the full disposition of his estate, and provide for its business management so that the wife and children will receive the fullest benefit from the estate, yet be relieved of the costly result of their inexperience in such matters.

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